The Honorable Representative Miller, Chairman House Veterans Affairs Committee 335 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Miller:

Neither AMVETS nor I have received any federal grants or contracts, during this year or in the last two years, from any agency or program relevant to the February 17, 2011, House Veterans Affairs Committee hearing on the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2012.

Sincerely,

Christina M. Roof

**AMVETS** 

National Deputy Legislative Director



Christina M. Roof serves as the National Deputy Legislative Director for the national veterans service organization American Veterans (AMVETS) at the organization's national headquarters.

As one of AMVETS' top advocates on Capitol Hill, Ms. Roof is responsible for researching, writing, and presenting testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives on behalf of AMVETS. Ms. Roof is also involved with the development and execution of AMVETS' legislative agenda in the areas of veterans entrepreneurship, appropriations, health care, veteran benefits, active duty service member entitlements, and national security, among many other subject matter areas.

Ms. Roof also represents AMVETS to numerous federal agencies including, but not limited to, the Department of Veterans Affairs, Department of Defense, Department of Labor, and the Department of Homeland Security. Ms. Roof is also an author and contributor to the Department of Veterans Affairs Independent Budget, which is published annually by the nation's top veterans' service organizations AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Ms. Roof 's responsibilities also include actively identifying current issues and concerns within the veterans and active duty military communities, and helping to develop and execute plans, both legislatively and through outreach, to promote and institute solutions.

Ms. Roof hails from a family steeped in military tradition and brings a wealth of personal knowledge on veterans' and military issues to AMVETS. She is an active member and committee member in several service and volunteer organizations, including AMVETS Ladies Auxiliary, The Military Coalition, Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary and the Department of Labor's Veteran Entrepreneurship Advisory Committee.

Ms. Roof joined the AMVETS staff after working as a small business, contracting and public relations consultant for several years. Ms. Roof holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Military History and Strategy from the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina, as well as many professional and academic certifications.

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